

Rural Broadband Expansion Accelerated

Remaining government sites to be connected soon!

Project includes installation of privately accessible fiber to reduce costs for private providers making last-mile connections to residents and businesses.

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I'm happy to report that with the passage of this years budget and Capital Improvement Program, the \$4.5 million planned extension of in-ground internet fiber connections to the following western Loudoun facilities was accelerated by 3 years (from FY23-25, to FY22) and will soon commence:



Loudoun Broadband Access Could Extend West!!!

- Bluemont Community Center
- Philomont Community Center

- Philomont Fire and Rescue
- Loudoun Heights Fire and Rescue
- Loudoun Heights Public Radio Tower

This is in addition to the Board's December 2019 approval of a \$15,481,205 to contract with Lumos Networks (Segra) to connect all other western Loudoun government owned facilities with in-ground fiber.

Both of the above projects include simultaneous installation of a new middle-mile in-ground privately accessible fiber network to reduce costs for private providers working throughout western Loudoun to make last-mile connections to area residents and businesses.

Click <u>here</u> for recent comprehensive broadband expansion effort update.

As always, my office remains dedicated to the expansion of broadband services to unserved and underserved areas of rural Loudoun because I know that access to high speed broadband is critical to your family's quality of life and ability to effectively work, learn and explore from home.



I'll keep you posted as additional progress is made!

Coronavirus - We're in it together, we'll get through it together - Tony

Be safe!

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